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SUBJECT: ECLA DEVELOPMENTS

1. SUMMARY. IGLESIAS IN CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF DEC 2
REVEALED HIS PLANS RE EXPANSION ECOSOC MEMBERSHIP AND
ECLA SESSION.

2. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IGLESIAS SAID THAT IN COURSE
HIS RECENT VISIT SOVIET UNION, SOVIETS OFFICIALLY
REQUESTED FULL MEMBERSHIP ECLA. THIS REQUEST IS LAST
IN SERIES COMING FROM JAPAN, SPAIN, SWEDEN, ITALY AND
FRG. HIS INCLINATION IS TO REQUEST ECOSOC TO GIVE
FULL MEMBERSHIP TO ALL OF THESE STATES SINCE HE BELIEVES
THAT ALL HAVE "SPECIAL TIES" WITH LATIN AMERICA AND
SEES NO CONFLICT BETWEEN REGIONALISM AND LARGER ECLA
MEMBERSHIP. HE INTENDS THEREFORE, AFTER RECEIVING
OPINIONS OF KEY GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THE USG, AND
ASSUMING THAT THEY ARE POSITIVE, TO REQUEST SUMMER
ECOSOC TO CONSIDER PACKAGE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL STATES
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MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. IGLESIAS FORESEES POSSIBILITY COMPLICATING FACTOR IN REQUEST FROM PORTUGAL, PROBABLY URGED BY BRAZIL, FOR MEMBERSHIP. MISOFF POINTED OUT THAT "SPECIAL TIES" OF SOME OF THE STATES MENTIONED RATHER TENUOUS. IN ADDITION EXPANSION OF ECLA MEMBERSHIP UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD GIVE RISE TO EVEN GREATER ROLE IN CECLA, AN EFFECT WHICH USG MIGHT VIEW WITH SOME AMBIVALENCE. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO EXAMINE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF ECLA SO THAT WE MIGHT DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH IGLESIAS DURING JAN 24-25 MEETING.

4. IGLESIAS DRAFTING RESOLUTION ON ILPES FOR JAN NEW YORK SESSION WHICH HE HOPES, THROUGH PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, WILL BE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS. HE MAINTAINS THAT THERE WILL BE NO LATIN RESISTENCE TO NEW ECLA-ILPES RELATIONSHIP. MEXICAN OPPOSITION HAS COLLAPSED. ONLY OTHER RESOLUTION HE INTENDS TO TABLE WILL HAVE TO DO WITH ENERGY CRISIS. IGLESIAS WANTS TO ORGANIZE A MEETING OF EXPERTS IN EARLY 1974 TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF WHAT LATIN AMERICAN CAN OR SHOULD DO IN THE FACE OF THE GLOBAL ENERGY CRISIS.

5. IGLESIAS PASSED THROUGH NEW YORK ON ROUTE TO MONTREAL WHERE HE DISCUSSING ECLA CANADIAN RELATIONS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO CANADIAN PLAN TO GRANT ECLA THREE-QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES IN AREAS OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND ENERGY.

6. HE SAID THAT IN COURSE OF RECENT EUROPEAN TRIP, INCLUDING STOPS IN UPPSALA AND BONN, BOTH FRG AND SWEDES EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MAKING LARGE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECLA. THE SOVIETS, ON THE OTHER HAND, PROMISED NO FINANCIAL RESOURCES BUT ASKED THAT HE CONSIDER HIRING ADDITIONAL SOVIETS. END OF SOVIET TRIP, WHICH OTHERWISE RATHER FAVORABLE, WAS DISILLUSIONING EXPERIENCE OF RECEIVING 15 SOVIET CANDIDATES FOR ADDITIONAL ECLA POSTS. IGLESIAS SAID THAT QUALIFICATIONS OF SOVIETS WERE UNIFORMLY APPALING, REMARKING THAT THE

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SOVIETS CLEARLY KEEP THEIR GOOD PEOPLE AT HOME.
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